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In re Application of:

Nicolaides *et al.*

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) Group Art Unit: 1632

) Examiner: V. Bertoglio

) Atty. Dkt. No.: 001107.00004

For: **A METHOD FOR GENERATING HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS**

AMENDMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2005.

Please charge the fee for a one-month extension of time and any other fee that may be due to our
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The prepositional phrase preceding recitations of "SEQ ID NO: 1" was said to be unclear. The prepositional phrase has been amended as suggested by the examiner to clarify the intended meaning. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection for lack of clarity.

All issues, objections, and rejections of the office action have been addressed. It is respectfully urged that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,
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